

**Mature Believer in Christ:
The Great Prayer for the Church and the Believer
Ephesians 03: 14–21**

1 *The prayer*

- a. Was for a reason
- b. Was with bowed knees
- c. Was to the Father
- d. Was for the whole family of God:
Past and present

2 *Request 1:*

*For strength, power within —
by God's Spirit*

3 *Request 2:*

*For Christ to rule and reign within —
by faith*

4 *Request 3:*

For love

5 *Request 4:*

*For understanding —
a full understanding of spiritual things*

6 *Request 5:*

To know the love of Christ

7 *Request 6:*

For the fullness of God

8 *Conclusion:*

*The encouragement to pray
and trust God for the answer*

- a. The fact:
God is able
- b. The source:
The power that works in us
- c. The purpose:
That God might be glorified
in the church through Jesus Christ

14 For this reason

I kneel before the Father,

15 From whom his whole family

in heaven and on earth derives its name.

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches

he may strengthen you with power
through his Spirit in your inner being,

17 So that Christ may dwell

in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you,
being rooted and established in love,

18 May have power,

together with all the saints,
to grasp how wide and long
and high and deep is the love of Christ,

19 And to know this love

that surpasses knowledge —
that you may be filled to the measure
of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do

immeasurably more than
all we ask or imagine,
according to his power
that is at work within us,

21 To him be glory in the church

and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
for ever and ever! Amen.